

Ans: I think they are eighteen (18) inches apart. I am not sure. About eighteen (18) inches.

35th. Q. Int: If the joists are 18 inches, or three feet apart, look at the item, "36 joists 24" by 8, 18 ft. long" making 1020 feet, and see if you are not mistaken as to the number of joists in said first floor?

Ans: I counted the joists and there are seventeen (17) joists in a layer and two (2) layers, making thirty four (34) joists.

36th. Q. Int: If these are only thirty four, what induced you to put down thirty six?

Ans: I have got thirty four here on my paper, if I said thirty six, I made a mistake.

37th. Q. Int: Now if there were only 34 joists in the first floor and the building is 34 ft x 34 ft, how far apart must the joists be?

Ans: They would be over 25 inches apart.

38th. Q. Int: From your recollection of the building and the examination you made of it, are the joists on the first floor over two feet apart?

Ans: I wouldn't say. I didn't measure the width apart.

39th. Q. Int: You counted the joists out after the other - 17 in a tier - Can you not tell whether or not they were over two feet apart?

Ans: They were over two feet apart from the center of one joist to the center of another joist. I have no recollection how far they were apart.

40th. Q. Int: Do you know of what wood the posts were made?

Ans: I do not.

41st. Q. Int: Do you know of what wood the studding was?

Ans: No sir.

42nd. Q. Int: Do you know of what wood the plates were?

Ans: No sir.

43rd. Q. Int: Do you know of what wood the girders were?

Ans: No sir, I didn't know there were any girders in.

44th. Q. Int: You say there were two tiers of joists in the first floor. Upon what did they rest in the middle?

Ans: They rested on a stone wall.

45th. Q. Int: In the estimate you have made, did you subtract any lumber for girders anywhere?

Ans: What I call joist bearers on this bill are estimated as girders.

46th. Q. Int: Where are the joist bearers located in said house which you have allowed for? State particularly?

Ans: In the center of the building. I had intended the joists to rest on. Girders would be differently framed in - I call these joist bearers.

47th. Q. Int: Did you make your estimate of joist bearers, as you call them, from your idea of what might be the construction of the partitions, or from what you know to be its mode of construction?

Ans: From what I supposed, not from what I knew it to be. Of course I knew nothing about it. I couldn't see what was covered up.

48th. Q. Int: Then you cannot tell whether these are girders or not;